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## THIS IS GETTING WEIRD

Darren Moreash shows off his collection of hand-carved "Weird Al" Yankovic marionettes at his home this week. Moreash is showcasing his work during upcoming performances around town. See story in [metroNEWS](#). JEFF HARPER/METRO

## 'Let's be visionary'

**DARTMOUTH**  
**Residents brainstorm big ideas for Shannon Park**



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

For the first time in decades, the community's feedback on what they'd like to see in Shannon Park could become reality.

On Wednesday, the Canada Lands Company held two sessions at Shannon Park Elementary School, where people wrote down ideas for possible development there, such as a stadium, ferry terminal, community centre and waterfront trails.

"It's a positive sign, because it's been looking derelict and vacant for a very long time," said Dartmouth resident Lin Mickal-

yk, who said she'd like to see affordable seniors' housing in the area, and a reliable transit hub.

Coun. Darren Fisher said the project is a "generational" turning point for Dartmouth. He said he would like to see residential, commercial and transit turn the area into a new community.

"What other piece of land anywhere in the Maritimes rivals this for opportunity?" Fisher said.

Canada Lands took over 82 acres of the Shannon Park area from the Department of National Defence in March 2014, and will come back to the public with draft plans this fall.

"Let's be visionary, let's be aspirational," Chris Millier, director of real estate for Canada Lands, told the group.

### **+** THE FUTURE

The final plan is due by the end of 2015 or early 2016.



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# Youth do well on helmet survey

## CYCLING

## Half of Nova Scotian teens say they wear bike helmets



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

New data from Statistics Canada suggests just over half of Nova Scotians between the ages of 12 and 17 are wearing helmets when riding bicycles.

According to the Canadian Community Health Survey, released Wednesday, 50.9 per cent of Nova Scotians in that age group said they always wear a helmet when cycling. The survey was conducted between 2013 and 2014.

"All in all, positive data," IWK paediatric neurologist Dr. Kevin Gordon said Wednesday.

"We're smart enough to put a helmet on when there's a benefit to be had."

The survey asked young Canadians whether they always wear a helmet, wear one most of the time, rarely wear one, or never wear one.

Combining the number of people who said they rarely or never wear a helmet, Nova Scotia's total is the lowest at 21.3 per cent.

When combining the number of people who said they always wear a helmet or wear one most of the time, Nova Scotia is at the top at 78.7



Fairview Junior High School students have their photo taken prior to the mayor's bike ride earlier this month. JEFF HARPER/METRO



**Can we do better? Sure, we can. But we're wearing our helmets, we're doing a good job, we're setting trends for Canada.**

Dr. Kevin Gordon

per cent. Legislation requiring helmets when bicycling, in-line skating, skateboarding, skiing and snowboarding went into effect in Nova Scotia in 2007.

"Provinces which have legislated helmet use were much higher than provinces which do not legislate helmet

use," Gordon said.

He said the helmet law brings the issue to the forefront, but it's combined with "pushing the message" about helmet safety.

"Penalizing people for not wearing helmets doesn't always work very well," he said.

"The best thing to do is de-

## HELMET STATISTICS

### Brain buckets by the numbers

Canadians between the ages of 12 and 17 that wore a helmet when bicycling:

### CANADA

Always: 37.5  
Most of the time: 18.3

Rarely: 17.6  
Never: 26.7

### NOVA SCOTIA

Always: 50.9  
Most of the time: 27.8  
Rarely: 13.3  
Never: 8.0

CANADIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY, 2013/2014

agrees that ticketing people isn't always the best way to bring about change.

"It's kind of one of those big messages that has to be picked up and made part of people's behaviour, and their culture," she said Wednesday.

"I think that the better way to get that message out there, is to raise awareness of what helmets actually do."

She said helmets can't always protect you from a concussion, but they will lessen the impact and the risk, and they do protect against skull fractures.

velop a culture of modelling helmet use wherever there's a potential for head injury."

Leona Burkey, executive director of the Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia,

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## EDUCATION

# Hiring-policy talk pushed to the fall



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

The conversation around how the school board hires and keeps the best teachers in our system has been pushed to the fall.

During the last regular Halifax regional school board meeting of the year, South Shore-Bedford member Steve Warburton moved that the superintendent compile a report on whether current hiring policies on recruitment and selection of principals supports the board's plan to "maximize exemplary teaching practices to support high quality instruction."

Mikmaq board representative Kirk Arsenault asked Warburton whether he felt there aren't quality teachers in the system, "because to me, that would be the feeling you would have to have to bring this motion forward."

"Yeah, I guess I feel like there isn't always quality teachers in our system," Warburton replied.

"I'm looking for explanation upon how the system works, better than I know now."

Ensuring the best teachers possible are being recruited and used for administrative positions

is an important issue, Warburton said, and brought up a recent example in which a school with 21 staff is seeing 10 leave because some were part-time and there was a full-time position opening at another school.

"How do we make sure that we're able to maintain great staffing at schools so that our students can achieve?" Warburton asked.

Other board members said they were confused about what Warburton was hoping to do with the motion, and suggested the conversation would be better left to the policy committee during next school year, when any changes coming from the province's education department could also be looked at.

The board passed a motion to refer Warburton's request to policy committee in the fall, but board chair Melinda Daye said she applauded Warburton for bringing up a sensitive matter that is important to keep a close eye on.

"We want to be a little more comfortable," Daye said.

"We have a good understanding, but we want to have a better understanding."

The next school board meeting will be held Sept. 23.



**I don't ... think that we're doing things wrong, but it's also not a bad thing for us to check in.**

Dave Wright, Lower, Middle and Upper Sackville-Beaver Bank and Lucasville school board member



## SCHOOL BOARD

### New teleconference a 'step forward'

In the case of exceptional circumstances, Halifax regional school board members can now join in a meeting via teleconference.

During the meeting Wednesday, the board passed a whole host of by-law amendments, including one that says members can attend through speakerphone, Skype, or other on-line forum in "extenuating circumstances" approved by the chair.

"I think it's a step forward for us in terms of having a tool in our toolbox if we have to use (it)," Peninsula North-Fairview board member Christy Linders said.

Linders said the teleconference is important to have in case an emergency meeting is called with "very, very short notice" and all members are needed.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

### Board looking for assessments

The school board's superintendent will be looking into whether the board can receive provincial assessments right away after one member asked: "Why are we here?"

During the Halifax regional school board meeting Wednesday, Clayton Park West-Spryfield member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison made a motion to write to education minister Karen Casey, requesting the board be given the provincial assessment results in-camera by their staff, as opposed to waiting like the public.

Dartmouth Centre-Dartmouth North board member Gin Yee said he was concerned about what would happen if the minister said no.

"Our minister does what she wants no matter what we want, and that's the whole problem," Blumenthal-Harrison said.

HALEY RYAN/METRO



Crews work to clear snow on Sullivan Street in Halifax in March. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Clean slate for snow clearing contracts

## MUNICIPALITY

## Winter works department recently issued four tenders



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

Despite the first week of summer just having officially arrived, Halifax Regional Municipality has already started seeking new snow clearing contracts, which has some city councillors worried, since a review of last winter's practices has yet to be discussed.

The municipality's winter works department recently issued four tenders for contracts for snow and ice removal for streets in Lower Sackville; Herring Cove and Timberlea; Bedford and Hammonds Plains; as well as Cole Harbour and Eastern Passage.

Department supervisor Darrin Natolino said Wednesday that issuing the tenders was "a matter of timing," since the existing contracts for those areas, which began in 2011, have expired and must not wait to be replaced.

Natolino said the new contracts include "huge, fundamental changes" in performance requirements and wording "to better the service delivery by a long shot."

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**Natolino said the contracts, which will continue to be performance-based, will run for a four-year term through 2018-2019, with an option to renew annually through 2021-2022.**

"In original tenders, we didn't necessarily get into specifying different types of equipment," he said, explaining the new contracts now spell out the need for a variety of different sized graders and loaders in plow units.

Performance standards for plowing priority streets, transit

routes, hills and catch-basins are also outlined, with expectations around start times, turnaround and end conditions clearly listed.

But determining the flexibility around those standards is one of the questions Deputy Mayor Lorelei Nicoll and Coun. Steve Craig have about the new contracts.

"What happens if we change the standards?" Craig said Wednesday. "Is the contractor able to go about and renegotiate that?"

Although he understands the municipality must meet industry demands and move ahead with its service planning, he voiced concerns that proper wording is needed so as not to lock the city into a contract for a four-year period.

## RECREATION

# Regional beaches set to open for summer

Here in Halifax, summer has officially begun.

Starting Tuesday, all municipal beaches will be open to the public, including lakes, seaside beaches and outdoor pools.

This means all regional beaches will have lifeguards present from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., daily — including the Halifax Common public pool.

Jen Nagle, recreation programming aquatic specialist, said typically municipal beaches are

opened on July 1, but this year, the city decided to treat locals to an extra day.

"With school ending and the weather cooperating, we decided on June 30."

Nagle also provided some safety tips for beachgoers — especially those who choose to swim during unsupervised hours.

"Make sure you're never going to swim alone," she said. "Swim within your limit, and don't do anything outside of what you're

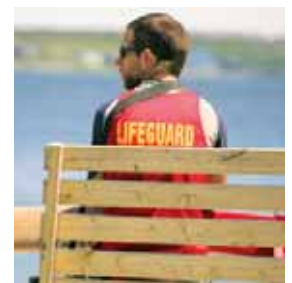
able to do."

The official opening day for supervised beaches across the province is July 1.

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## + MORE INFO

For more information on the city's swim spots, facilities and seasonal programs, visit [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).



A lifeguard sits on duty. METRO



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# Judge finds Halifax-area man not guilty of chemicals threat

## SUPREME COURT

### Accused was in Ottawa while two N.S. areas were evacuated

A man who was the subject of a manhunt from Halifax to Ottawa over an alleged chemical threat against police walked free Wednesday after a judge said a reasonable person wouldn't see menace in a rambling email he wrote that the Crown based its case on.

Christopher Phillips was arrested on Jan. 21 by heavily armed police who evacuated an Ottawa hotel while squads of officers also asked residents to leave their homes in two Nova Scotia neighbourhoods where he had stored chemicals.

He was found not guilty by a Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge of uttering threats against police and possessing a dangerous weapon.

Phillips was interrogated in Ottawa by two RCMP officers who raised the shootings of soldiers in Ottawa and Quebec, telling him attitudes have changed since the 9-11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Judge David MacAdam said while he accepts police have to take precautions, he couldn't accept Crown arguments there was evidence the U.S. citizen planned to do anything with the osmium tetroxide — a rare and

potentially dangerous chemical — other than conduct experiments in his home lab.

Defence lawyer Mike Taylor criticized the decision to prosecute, saying after the verdict his client has suffered needlessly.

Outside court, Crown prosecutor Karen Quigley said the case was complex and she had simply presented the judge with the facts police had provided.

The incident started when Phillips's wife, Gosia Phillips, contacted police on Jan. 19 and asked them to remove the chemical from a shed on her property out of concern her children might access it.

She later forwarded officers an email her husband had written to an American friend that muses about creating a box containing osmium tetroxide.

The text suggests a person could somehow poke a hole in a glass vial with the chemical as police entered their home, then put on a hazardous materials suit and hold their breath. The email also says "the box will not be designed to be actually used as weapon," and describes the box as being screwed to a credenza.

MacAdam said previous decisions have established a legal test where a reasonable person would have to perceive the words, taken in their context, as being a threat.

In considering the test, the judge noted that senior investigators testified the email wasn't a threat on its own, but could have been seen as a threat if Phillips



Christopher Phillips is shown arriving for his bail hearing at provincial court in Dartmouth on March 17. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

was carrying the chemical while driving to Ottawa on Jan. 19 and happened to be stopped by police. But MacAdam said there was no evidence that Phillips had any of the chemical with him, and by the time the case came to the prosecution they were aware of this.

As for the email itself, the judge said the two senior investigators didn't see it as a threat on its own.

"Given these two sergeants were leading the investigation and considering that the email itself was not immediately taken as a threat, it's difficult to see how a reasonable person would conclude differently," he said.

Phillips has been in jail for more than five months after

pleading not guilty to the charges. Taylor said his client has suffered "a bit of hell" as the result of his damaged reputation, his time in prison and his separation from his children.

He said he and Phillips have discussed taking legal action against the Crown, but no decision had been taken yet on that possibility. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## LEAVING COURT

Christopher Phillips, who was wearing the same blue hoodie he's had since arriving in Halifax, left court without commenting after being picked up by a family friend.



Defence lawyer Mike Taylor talks with reporters outside Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax, Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**“It's really concerning when a person can spend five months in jail for an offence that a reasonable person would conclude simply didn't happen. Defence lawyer Mike Taylor**

## INVESTIGATION

### Police spend hours searching for a boy they never found



Philip Croucher  
Metro | Halifax

Police say they spent close to eight hours investigating a report of a five-year-old boy in need of help without ever finding the supposed child they were looking for.

Around 12:45 a.m. Wednesday, police say they received a 911 call from an unknown man reporting that a boy, aged five, needed police help immediately.

Police went to an apartment

building in the 1300 block of South Park Street in south-end Halifax to investigate the call, and try to find someone in need of their help.

According to Halifax Regional Police spokesman Sgt. Pierre Bourdages, police ended their search at 8:30 a.m.

Bourdages said they do believe the 911 call originated from that building, and as part of their search, had to awake a number of people from apartments. He said it's unclear whether or not



**We are confident that the alleged boy was not present in that building.**

Police Sgt. Pierre Bourdages

the 911 call was a hoax.

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# Former paramedic found guilty of sexually assaulting elderly woman

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

## Incident happened in senior's home

A former paramedic has been found guilty of sexually assaulting a 71-year-old woman in the bedroom of her rural Nova Scotia home in 2013, as his colleague tended to her ailing husband one floor below.

However, Judge Claudine MacDonald found James Duncan Keats not guilty of a second charge of sexual assault in a matter involving the same woman in 2012. Keats was also acquitted of two counts of breach of trust following a trial that began last September.

Crown attorney Bill Fergusson said outside Kentville provincial court that he wasn't surprised by the acquittal, acknowledging that there were discrepancies in the woman's recollection of the alleged incident. But he said there was enough evidence to convict on one assault charge.

"Of the two sexual assaults, it was the more obvious one," he said outside the courtroom in Kentville. "The other sexual assault, even the victim herself didn't have much to say about that one."

Court heard that Keats sexually assaulted the woman, who was 71 years old at the time of the offence on May 26, 2013, after he and his partner responded to a call involving her husband at their home.

In reading the facts of the case, MacDonald said Keats took the woman upstairs to her bedroom to examine her when she complained of chest pains after her husband fell in their kitchen.

MacDonald told the court that Keats asked her to lay on the bed, undressed her, fondled her and had intercourse with her, telling her, "You're going to feel so much better."

Court heard that the woman pleaded with him to stop but that he persisted and kissed her hand when he left the room, saying, "You're a beautiful lady."

The trial, which started last

## + SENTENCING

Crown attorney Bill Fergusson said he would seek more than two years in jail when James Duncan Keats is sentenced in August.

September, heard that the woman provided swab samples and bed sheets that were found to hold DNA from her and Keats, along with semen.

MacDonald found him not guilty of sexually assaulting the woman, who had angina, hip problems and uses a catheter, when she was being taken by ambulance to hospital the previous September, saying there were inconsistencies in her testimony.

The woman said he quickly fondled her while another paramedic drove to the hospital.

"There were occasions when the complainant exaggerated some of what she said took place ... and there was confusion in some of her evidence," Mac-



Former paramedic James Keats leaves the courthouse in this file photo. HANTS JOURNAL

Donald told the court.

MacDonald acquitted Keats of the breach-of-trust charge related to the sexual assault in her home because he was em-

ployed by a private company at the time and was not an appointed or elected official.

Defence lawyer Chrystal MacAulay said outside court that her

client was pleased with the acquittals but disappointed with the single conviction. She said she will consider appealing the decision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Don't forget a bib: Mountains of meat at city's first Ribfest

## FOOD

**Six trucks, 15 tonnes of ribs and a whole lot of delicious**

**Hillary Windsor**  
For Metro | Halifax

For its inaugural installment, Halifax Ribfest is already shaping up to be a fan-favourite among the city's carnivorous kind.

Clarke Paynter, committee chairman for the much-anticipated event, said Halifax Ribfest will unite meat enthusiasts in a three-day food-vendor frenzy with entertainment, fundraising, and of course, its ooey-goey succulent namesake.

"There will be six rib trucks, all in from southern Ontario, with connections to Texas, Alabama and Florida," Paynter said. "They will arrive here with two and a half tonnes of ribs each — that's 15 tonnes of ribs."

But that doesn't mean the herbivores will be left out.

The festival includes over a dozen other vendors from around the Maritimes, offering tasty, veggie-friendly alternatives.

According to Paynter, Halifax Ribfest — which kicks off Friday morning and runs until Sunday evening on the waterfront — took two and a half years of planning.

And, though admission is free, all funds raised through food and beverage purchases will go towards a good cause.

"The funds will be for Rotary projects," said Paynter, who's a member of the Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside.



George Kefalidis, owner of Crabby's BBQ Shack, slathers some sauce on ribs at a preview event for the Halifax Ribfest on the waterfront back in April. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"(We) do a lot of different things in the community — scholarships, international work, international projects."

"Rotary clubs are always looking for unique fundraising events."

Along with mountains of good food, Ribfest will also be host to live entertainment throughout the weekend, as well as a beer garden.

The local lineup includes the likes of Louisa Manual,

**We have what looks like excellent weather, and there's been quite a buzz created.**

Clarke Paynter, ribfest committee chairman

Noah Tye and The Josh Lake Band, to name a few.

The weekend festivities culminate with the six rib trucks vying for the title they travelled so far for — the Halifax People's Choice

Award — with a rib-off featuring Mayor Mike Savage himself.

"Take a rib bib," Paynter said. "We're going to have fun. We're going to get messy, there's no doubt."

## + HOPE BLOOMS

### Bringing salads back

Whether you're a vegetarian, a vegan or someone who might just want a break from the meaty main dish at the Halifax Ribfest — Hope Blooms has got you covered.

The local community gardening program will be one of the vendors at the Halifax Ribfest on Saturday, selling fresh greens and homemade dressings.

"People can enjoy produce from our greenhouse and gardens, and we're also going to have our salad dressings available," said Alvero Wiggins, Hope

Blooms' program coordinator.

"There's so much meat, we were asked to provide another option."

Wiggins said their Ribfest appearance is a way to spread the word on their upcoming salad program, set to launch in a few months.

"In September, we'll be rolling out our salad program, where when you buy a salad, you'll be donating a salad to a local school."

Find out more about Hope Blooms at [hopeblooms.ca](http://hopeblooms.ca).  
HILLARY WINDSOR/FOR METRO

## PRO TIPS

## Halifax Ribfest checklist

Keep these six tips in mind during the weekend.

**1 Take a rib bib**  
Seriously. This is the cardinal rule of Ribfest.

**2 Avoid wearing white clothes**  
Unless you're going for a DIY barbecue tie-dye look.

**3 Long hair?**  
Bring a hair tie. Or a headband. Just make sure it's nowhere near your mouth.

**4 Make room for food**  
Don't fill up on heavy meals before heading to Ribfest. You're going to need the wiggle room.

### 5 Skip the tight shirt

This is a festival for your taste buds, not a fashion show. You will thank us later.

### 6 Have fun!

Enjoy the first annual Ribfest — it only comes once a year.



## DIGBY

## Truckers worry new ferry is too small

Commercial users of the Digby-Saint John ferry service say the new boat won't carry enough trucks.

"The Fundy Rose has many excellent features for the route, including stabilization, speed and attractive tourist accommodation," said Norm Lockyer of the Bay of Fundy Marine Transportation Association.

"However, at a capacity of 14 trucks it is, regrettably, far smaller than (the Princess of Acadia) that could carry 22."

Lockyer says the size won't matter in the summer when the number of trucks is lower, but come late fall, when the lobster shipments are flowing, everyone isn't going to fit. DIGBY COURIER

## IN BRIEF

### Cole Harbour outdoor pool closed for repairs

A Cole Harbour outdoor pool will be closed temporarily as work is underway.

Maintenance work is now ongoing at the outdoor recreational pool off Colby Drive in Cole Harbour, Halifax Regional Municipality announced Wednesday.

According to a city

news release, public swims will still be available at Cole Harbour Place and the Dartmouth Sportsplex while repair work is performed at the outdoor pool.

The municipality and staff at Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool and Tennis Courts also apologize for any inconvenience the closure may cause.

METRO

## DARTMOUTH

## Man charged in break and enter

Nobody was hurt in a Tuesday night break and enter in Dartmouth, but one man is facing a slew of charges related to the incident.

The man — who was armed with a knife — was arrested by Halifax Regional Police after trying to break into a house on Newcastle Street just after 6 p.m.

The suspect is facing several charges, including break and enter, assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon, uttering threats, as well as a number of breaches of previously imposed court orders.

According to police, there is no indication that the suspect and victims are known to one another. METRO





**INTERNATIONAL TATTOO MARCHING TO THEIR OWN BEAT** Members of the Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes and Drums practice at the Garrison Grounds on Wednesday in Halifax. The group is preparing for the upcoming Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, which runs from June 30 until July 7. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

# Clinic gets recognition

## HEALTH CARE AWARD

### Fall River facility credited with reducing wait times

Despite Nova Scotia's oft-reported lengthy hospital wait times, one clinic in the region has been given a national award for virtually eliminating them.

The Nova Scotia Health Authority's Integrated Chronic Care Service (formerly the Nova Scotia Environmental Health Centre) was awarded the 3M Health Care Quality Team Award for their its My Care, My Voice initiative — a project focused on improving patient care by

providing patient perspective.

"There is no wait time because as soon as they come in, we are able to book patients in the group care coordination appointments," manager of the Integrated Chronic Care Service, Dr. Tara Sampalli, said Wednesday.

"They are able to come in and express what their needs are instead of seeing one clinician, which can be a bottleneck process. We are actually going to our patients to ask what might be their needs."

The clinic, which treats patients with complex chronic conditions and multi-morbidities, started up the 18-month long It's My Care, My Voice initiative in 2012. At that time, Sampalli said the wait time was sitting at 13 months. Brenda MacPherson was referred to the clinic late last year and was told she would have to wait a year — but she said she's already benefiting from reduced wait times. "It's just been great," she said Wednesday.

"I'm more positive because I know I don't have to wait so long." **HILLARY WINDSOR/FOR METRO**

**“They’ve done a marvellous job in cutting wait times.”**  
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Darren Moreash poses for a photo with his collection of hand-carved Weird Al Yankovic marionettes at his home earlier this week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Weird Al gets marionette treatment

## BACKSTAGE PASS

**Local carver hopes wooden clones catch Yankovic's eye**

**Aly Thomson**  
For Metro | Halifax

Darren Moreash laughs boisterously while teetering a tiny wooden marionette, its unruly corkscrew hair bouncing as the plump puppet's legs move rapidly back and forth.

Equipped with mini wire glasses, a black bodysuit and a painted-on moustache, the marionette is a replica of Weird Al Yankovic in the 1988 music video for Fat, a parody of Bad by Michael Jackson.

"I think this is one of my favourites," Moreash said in his Harrietsfield home, standing next to a row of Weird Al mar-



A detail shot of the Like a Surgeon marionette. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ionettes hanging from a rack.

Paying homage to the satirical singer, Moreash has taken several of Weird Al's campy characters over the past 30 years and carved marionettes ahead of his shows in Halifax next month.

"I just thought it would be cool, because Weird Al has so many different looks from his videos," said Moreash, whose wife paints the marionettes

as part of his company called Darriionettes.

One of Moreash's creations is a shirtless, long-haired Weird Al holding a machine gun — a Rambo-esque character from Yankovic's 1989 movie UHF.

Another is Yankovic in a white lab coat and blue scrub hat, his costume from the 1985 video for Like a Surgeon, a parody of Madonna's Like a Virgin.

The puppets will be on display at Argyle Fine Art on Barrington Street to coincide with Yankovic's shows at Casino Nova Scotia on July 23 and 24.

The hope is that he will take notice and pay the gallery a visit.

"If I could get one to him, that would be great. I would love that," said Moreash, dressed in a fedora, cargo shorts and high-top sneakers, as a Black Sabbath song blares in the background.

It wouldn't be the first time Moreash has been recognized by a celebrity for his creative wooden clones.

In fact, he said many people are downright delighted by the marionette representations of themselves.

Amid the sawdust and paint splatter in his living

## THE PROCESS

Darren Moreash doesn't just make marionettes of famous people.

Under his business Darriionettes, Moreash carves puppets of everyday people based on photos sent to him by customers.

Moreash, who has been making marionettes and wood carvings for more than 20 years, starts with a solid block of wood.

He begins by cutting it out and sanding it down before using a Dremel to carve out the details.

Moreash then creates hinges for the marionette's arms and legs before his wife takes over to paint the puppet.

He said if he needs to, he and his wife can finish a marionette in just two days.

room are autographed photos of celebrities posing with their tiny counterparts and Moreash.

Countless superstars like John Cleese, Kiss and Dee Snider have all accepted marionettes from Moreash, sometimes granting him backstage entry at shows.

He even receives a Christmas card from Cheap Trick every year after making marionettes of Rick Nielsen and Robin Zander, which they brought on stage at one of their shows.

Cheap Trick later ordered marionettes of the other band members, which they ended

up using in their music video for I Want You For Christmas.

"It's neat when you give these people a puppet and next thing you know, they tweet a photo or make it their profile picture. It's pretty cool," Moreash said.

He said he got Cheap Trick to sign a wooden guitar at a show in Moncton and plans on creating a marionette featuring the autographed guitar to donate to a charity auction.

Ultimately, Moreash said he makes his creations because he's a fan.

"I'm a hard-rock guy, a music lover. I've got to be a fan of them to give them one."

**"I just thought it would be cool, because Weird Al has so many different looks from his videos."**

Harrietsfield marionette carver Darren Moreash





Truro's Robert Milner wrapped his arm around a bear he carved after picking it up at the Truro Police Service this week. Milner reported the bear stolen on April 29 and got a call on June 17 saying it had been recovered. TRURO DAILY NEWS

# A beary, beary good find

TRURO

## Stolen carving returned to its owner

Robert Milner would love to know what his bear has been up to.

Milner got a call last week he never thought he'd get — a carved bear stolen from his property was recovered.

"Just pure joy, pure happiness," he said, of receiving a phone call from Truro Police Service's Cpl. Monte Emery last week.

"Finally something good has happened. It's kind of neat. I was stoked that they actually found him."

Milner had moved to Truro from Amherst, and had brought the bear with him

shortly thereafter. He was almost finished work on the bear when it was stolen from his Prince Street residence.

"It's kind of hard to hide one of these," he said of the bear that's almost as tall as he is. "And it was returned with no, or minimal, damage."

Milner couldn't remember the exact date he reported it stolen to police, but remembers his emotions that day.

"It really pissed me off, and I don't get pissed easily," he said.

Milner had spent hours working on the project. He said he was hoping to finish up what needed to be done before putting the bear up for sale.

"I'm always tweaking and changing things on it," he said.

"I cut off part of his nose because I didn't like how it looked. It's like an eraser."

Asked if he was going to give

## + BACKGROUND

Staff Sgt. Randy Mackenzie said the bear was recovered June 17 at a residence on Cedar Drive, as a result of a search warrant. He said the matter is still under investigation but he believes charges are pending against an individual.

the bear a name because of his adventures, Milner looked at it and smiled.

"I've thought about it. A friend said I should put a GPS in it in case it gets stolen again. Then I can follow its travels and publish his story. I kind of want to know where he's been, and hopefully this will add to the spirit of the bear."

TRURO DAILY NEWS

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

## Teen charged after 44-year-old man threatened with gun

An 18-year-old faces charges including assault and uttering threats after RCMP say a man was threatened with a firearm and Nova Scotia homes were evacuated.

At 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, Cumberland County RCMP responded to a 911 call of threats being uttered by a man with a firearm in Upper Nappan and when police arrived they determined the

accused teen had threatened a 44-year-old man with a gun.

Part of Nappan Road was blocked off for about 90 minutes as local residents were asked to leave their homes as a precaution, police said.

The accused, and a 15-year-old, surrendered without incident. The 18-year-old was taken into custody, while the 15-year-old was released. METRO

## + COURT

The accused was set to appear in Amherst provincial court Wednesday on charges of assault, uttering threats, possession of a prohibited weapon and mischief.

BAD BEHAVIOUR

## Case of woman who allegedly threw pizza in face adjourned

A woman charged with assault after allegedly throwing hot pizza in another woman's face had her plea adjourned for another few weeks.

Nick Hoehne, defence counsel for Holly Cherie Johnston, 30, requested the adjournment in provincial court on Thursday.

Johnston was not present in court, and the matter was adjourned until 9:30 a.m., July 8.

She was charged with assault causing bodily harm to Paige Beaudry of Dartmouth.

It's alleged the offence occurred in the early morning hours of April 5 at the Pizza Market on the Esplanade.

The victim and her boyfriend had gone to the business for a late-night snack.



A photo of Paige Beaudry's injuries after having hot pizza thrown in her face. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Beaudry previously said she was assaulted after speaking to a man who had cut in front of the couple in the lineup.

The injuries were so extensive to Beaudry's face that she had to consult a plastic surgeon.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

SAFETY

## Reckless driving top of mind for police on Highway 101

The RCMP detachment in Windsor is ramping up its efforts to combat reckless driving this summer, and the officers have a new tool in their arsenal with which to draw upon.

Cpl. Don Dignan said the detachment requested and received laser radar equipment to better enforce the rules of the road in Hants County.

"This unit was requested by us because of the volume

of moving violation complaints we've received from the public on the 101. The majority of the complaints are speeding, careless driving, dangerous driving, texting and talking on the cell phone," explained Dignan.

"We have, unfortunately, had a lot of tragedy happen in this area with fatalities and serious injuries on the 101 and part of our effort to reduce, nationally, the toll of deaths and injuries on

the highways is to actively enforce the Highway Traffic Act."

Dignan, who has been with the RCMP for nearly 35 years, said he witnesses careless and reckless driving all along the 101-series highway.

He said Windsor's untwinned section, often referred to as a bottleneck, catches some motorists by surprise due to the drastic reduction in speed.

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## AFTER POLITICS

## Baird scores new consultant post

Former federal cabinet minister John Baird has been hired as a strategic adviser to Hatch, an engineering and consulting firm for resource companies.

Hatch has its global head office in Mississauga, Ont., and operates in 150 countries around the world.

The company says Baird's experience in international affairs will help Hatch as it expands in the energy, mining and infrastructure sectors.

Baird presided over a number of portfolios in the Conservative government, including foreign affairs, environment and transport and infrastructure.

It's the latest corporate appointment for Baird since he announced in February that he was leaving Prime Minister Stephen Harper's cabinet and resigned his seat in the riding



John Baird THE CANADIAN PRESS

of Ottawa West-Nepean.

Baird is one of several high-profile cabinet ministers who have said they won't be running again in October's federal election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## GAMES

## Ticket sales surge for Pan Am events

The once-lagging ticket sales for this summer's Pan Am games in Toronto are starting to pick up speed.

Earlier this month, organizers reported they'd only sold 400,000 of the 1.4 million tickets reserved for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games. But that number has surged to 650,000 for the Pan Am events alone, spokeswoman Neala Barton said Wednesday.

The opening ceremonies and most medal matches are almost sold out, she said, while equestrian events are also seeing brisk sales. She said the late spike is in line with organizers' expectations, since many people don't make their purchases until close to the date. Toronto Mayor John Tory admitted he

hadn't bought his tickets yet.

"I'm going to, but I procrastinate, as people do, and I think we should stop talking about this and talk about the good news," he said Wednesday.

The Toronto 2015 organizing committee isn't expecting to sell every ticket, Barton said. "We know people are still making their decisions around what they want to do for the summer, what availability they have, what kind of budget they have maybe to buy tickets with. We're seeing what we thought we would see, which is people making those decisions really close to the games."

The Pan Am Games run from July 10 to 26, and the Parapan Am Games from Aug. 7 to 15. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Ex-paramedic guilty of N.S. sexual assault

A former paramedic has been found guilty of sexually assaulting a 71-year-old woman in the bedroom of her rural Nova Scotia home in 2013, as a colleague tended to her ailing husband one floor below.

Judge Claudine MacDonald found James Duncan Keats not guilty of a second charge of sexual assault involving the same woman in 2012, and of two counts of breach of trust. Court heard Keats took the woman upstairs to her bedroom to examine her when she com-

plained of chest pains after her husband fell in their kitchen. MacDonald said Keats asked her to lie on the bed, undressed her and had intercourse with her, telling her "You're going to feel so much better." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Tampon tax axed

Saskatchewan is following a decision by Ottawa and ending its tax on feminine hygiene products. Finance Minister Kevin Doherty said the provincial sales tax will be removed from the items starting July 1, the same day Ottawa stops collecting GST. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Information law not needed: CSIS

## SPY AGENCY

## Workarounds possible within existing legislation

The Conservative government alarmed privacy advocates by overhauling the law to give Canada's spy agency easier access to federal data — even though the spies themselves said greater information-sharing could be done under existing laws, newly released documents show.

In a presentation to federal deputy ministers last year, the

Canadian Security Intelligence Service said "significant improvements" to the sharing of national-security information were possible within the "existing legislative framework."

The Canadian Press obtained a heavily censored copy of the secret February 2014 presentation and a related memo to CSIS director Michel Coulombe under the Access to Information Act.

Earlier this year, the government introduced a broad security bill that included the Security of Canada Information Sharing Act.

The legislation, which recently received royal assent, permits the sharing of information about activity that undermines the se-

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(Existing laws) often allow for the sharing of information.”

Tom Venner,  
CSIS assistant director

curity of Canada, something law professors Craig Forcese and Kent Roach called "a new and astonishingly broad concept."

Privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien denounced the law's scope as "clearly excessive," saying it could make available all federally held information about

someone of interest to as many as 17 government departments and agencies.

In the 2014 memo to Coulombe, CSIS assistant director Tom Venner stressed the importance of timely and reliable information exchanges, and he lamented the patchwork of existing authorities that hindered sharing. However, he added that laws and arrangements "often allow for the sharing of information for national security purposes."

The spy agency's memo seems "to belie the whole justification for the controversial information-sharing regime" in the government's anti-terrorism bill, Forcese said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**VALUES MEAL HARPER IN QUEBEC** Prime Minister Stephen Harper paused from handing out chicken dinners as he campaigned during Quebec's Fete National, when he told candidates Conservative values are Quebec values. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## LATE PAYMENTS

## Ottawa battling phone bill interest fees

The federal government is locked in a battle with telecom companies over \$2.4 million in late fees because department phone bills weren't paid on time.

That number, contained in documents tabled in Parliament this month, hasn't changed in almost a year since the government first started collection efforts over late fees it says service providers weren't legally allowed to charge.

So far, however, the companies involved don't appear to have budged, based on the data contained in the answer to an written question submit-

ted by Liberal MP Arnold Chan.

The \$2.4 million in outstanding disputed fees is about two-thirds of the \$3.6 million in late fees the government has racked up over the last two fiscal years.

There could be more, but the department told Chan it couldn't quickly calculate interest charged in the 2014-15 fiscal year without doing a manual search of every invoice it had received.

Ted Francis, a spokesman for Shared Services Canada, the department now in charge of paying phone bills on time, says "efforts continue" to recoup the

overdue charges.

Francis says the department has negotiated settlements with some companies, and in the cases of others, is hoping to secure credits on future bills.

Although Shared Services was designed to save money by amalgamating services from more than 40 departments, it stumbled out of the gate and couldn't keep up with the flood of monthly bills — about 75,000 invoices per month.

It wasn't until early last year that the department noticed something amiss. Department workers manually went through

every invoice and noticed the service providers were charging commercial interest rates of between 12 and 46 per cent.

The government believes the companies aren't allowed to do that because federal contracts stipulated late charges couldn't be more than what the government set, currently 4.25 per cent.

About a dozen companies charged the government late fees, with two of them — Telus and Bell Canada — accounting for more than half of the \$3.64-million bill, according to data provided to Chan.

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# 'I am sorry for the lives that I've taken': Bomber

BOSTON

## Tsarnaev, 21, breaks two years of silence with apology

In a startling turn, Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev apologized for the lethal attack for the first time Wednesday just before a judge formally sentenced him to death.

"I am sorry for the lives that I've taken, for the suffering that I've caused you, for the damage that I've done — irreparable damage," the 21-year-old college student said, breaking more than two years of public silence.

To the victims, he said: "I pray for your relief, for your healing."

After Tsarnaev said his piece, U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr. quoted Shakespeare's line about "The evil that men do lives after them" and told Tsarnaev that no one will remember that his teachers were fond of him, that his friends found him fun to be with or that he showed compassion to disabled people.

"What will be remembered is that you murdered and maimed innocent people, and that you did it wilfully and intentionally. You did it on purpose," O'Toole said.

"I sentence you to the penalty of death by execution," he said.

Tsarnaev looked down and rubbed his hands together as the judge pronounced his fate.

The apology came after Tsarnaev listened impassively for



Boston Marathon bombing survivors Erika Brannock, left, and Rebekah Gregory leave the Moakley Federal Courthouse clutching each other following the formal sentencing of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in Boston, Wednesday. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

about three hours as a procession of victims and their loved ones lashed out at him for his "cowardly" and "disgusting" acts.

"He can't possibly have had a soul to do such a horrible thing," said Karen Rand McWatters, who lost a leg in the attack and whose best friend, 29-year-old Krystle Campbell, was killed.

The outcome of the proceedings was a foregone conclusion: The judge was required under



**What will be remembered is that you murdered and maimed innocent people, and that you did it wilfully and intentionally.**

U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr.

law to impose the jury's death sentence for the April 15, 2013, attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

The only real suspense was whether Tsarnaev would say anything when given a

chance to speak.

Until Wednesday, he had said almost nothing publicly since his arrest more than two years ago.

His apology was a five-minute address peppered with

## ANALYSIS

U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz says the Boston Marathon bomber's statement in court before he was sentenced to death is more noteworthy for what he didn't say than what he did say. Ortiz says Dzhokhar Tsarnaev didn't renounce terrorism or violent extremism.

One survivor of the attacks says Tsarnaev didn't sound genuinely remorseful. Lynn Julian suffered a traumatic brain injury and back injury and now has post-traumatic stress disorder.

But another survivor, Henry Borgard, says he's forgiven Tsarnaev and has come to a place of peace and hopes Tsarnaev gets there, too.

religious references and praise of Allah. Speaking in the accent of his native Russia, he paused several times, looking as if he was trying to maintain his composure.

Twenty-four people in all gave victim impact statements at the sentencing in federal court — some of them urging him to explain himself and utter the words of remorse they longed to hear. Tsarnaev made it clear he was listening.

"All those who got up on that witness stand and that podium relayed to us, to me — I was listening — the suffering that was and the hardship that still is, with strength, with patience, with dignity," he said.

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## CONFEDERATE BANNER

## Flag not 'hateful,' actor says

The Confederate flag is not a hateful symbol but instead a banner with positive historical context despite "the few thousand people that run around wearing sheets and committing atrocities," said Ben Jones, the Dukes of Hazzard actor and former Democratic congressman.

Jones spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday from Sperryville, Va., where he owns a store that sells Confederate flags and other items and celebrates the fictional Hazzard County from his TV show. He runs two other Cooter's Place stores — named for his Hazzard character — in Nashville and Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Jones said his stores will never stop selling Confederate items even as national retailers such as Wal-Mart drop them in the wake of the massacre of nine people at a black church in Charleston. The man charged in the deaths had been photographed with the Confederate flag.

"We're not changing anything in stores. There's no reason to change anything," Jones said. "We despise racism."

He added: "It's not a hateful symbol, and we despise that it's being used by bigots and hate groups."

But he also said he understands those who want the Confederate battle flag removed from the Statehouse grounds.

"We recognize that it's on public ground and does not represent all the taxpayers," Jones said. But he added that he's pleased that lawmakers did not act immediately Tuesday, agreeing only to consider removal of the flag later this summer.

In a Facebook post on the page for his store late Tuesday, Jones called the flag a symbol of the spirit of independence. The flag represents the values of the rural South including courage, family and good times, he wrote.

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Dukes of Hazzard actor Ben Jones shown in 1999. STEVE HELBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

WIKILEAKS

## France outraged by American spying

Embarrassed by leaked conversations of three successive French presidents and angered by new evidence of American spying, France demanded answers Wednesday from the Obama administration and called for an intelligence "code of conduct" between allies.

France's foreign minister summoned the U.S. ambassador to respond to the WikiLeaks revelations, after reports that a nest of NSA surveillance equipment was con-

cealed on the top floor of the U.S. Embassy.

President Barack Obama told French President Francois Hollande in a phone conversation Wednesday that the U.S. wasn't targeting his communications. Obama told Hollande that the U.S. was abiding by a commitment Obama made in 2013 not to spy on the French leader after Edward Snowden disclosed the extent of NSA surveillance powers.

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## IN BRIEF

### Border crossing cards stolen in truck hijacking

The U.S. Embassy in Mexico says a truck carrying border crossing cards was hijacked June 7 in northern Mexico and the documents stolen.

The truck was making a trip from the United States to U.S. consulates in the cities of Monterrey and Guadalajara. An electronic alert has been issued so that the stolen cards cannot be used to cross the border.

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EUROZONE

## Greece won't agree to make more cuts

With major differences remaining between Greece and its creditors, eurozone finance ministers cut short a meeting on Greece's proposals to avoid a default and planned to meet again Thursday.

Before the finance ministers' meeting, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras had held long talks with key creditors but apparently failed to reach a compromise over what kind of reforms the country should make in return for much-needed loans.

Greece has promised tax increases to achieve budget savings, whereas the International Monetary Fund would like more spending cuts. Tsipras rejected the creditors' suggestions.

"The Greek side is unable to agree on such a course," a Greek government official said after Tsipras assessed the proposals, which included fresh cuts in public sector payrolls and a timetable to scrap a pension safety net fund.

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## U.S. STORMS

### Many remain without power

Utility crews were working around the clock to clear toppled trees and other debris as power was slowly being restored to the hundreds of thousands of people who were affected by a fast-moving ferocious storm system that caused two deaths.

The line of storms — which packed heavy rains, lightning and dangerous winds — also knocked down dozens of transmission lines and hundreds of wires as it thundered through eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut on Tuesday night.

Crews were chopping up trees and repairing utility poles that were damaged or knocked down by the storms, which also disrupted mass transit in some areas.

Nearly 400,000 customers were still without electricity Wednesday afternoon. In Pennsylvania, PECO said about 137,000 homes and businesses were without power. Chester and Delaware counties were hardest hit. Officials said full service might not be restored to some customers until the weekend. For others, it may even be longer.

In New Jersey, nearly 180,000 homes and businesses were without electricity Wednesday afternoon. The southern New Jersey counties of Gloucester, Camden and Salem were among the most damaged areas.

Forecasters were trying to determine whether straight line winds or a tornado caused most of the damage. The National Weather Service said a 114 km/h wind gust was recorded at Philadelphia International Airport.

The storm is responsible for at least two deaths.

A 15-year-old girl on a church camping trip was killed by trees knocked over in Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest.

In Maryland, Montgomery County Police said a 79-year-old man died Tuesday night after his pickup truck hit a downed tree in Beallsville after storms swept through.

In many areas, homes and cars were destroyed by fallen trees and transformer explosions.

Adrienne Johnson, who lives in the Frankford section of Philadelphia, said the damage to her block resembled the aftermath of a tornado. She said the uprooted trees were old and needed to be removed long ago.

"You could hear the thunder and once the thunder hit, you heard the trees snap, cracking," Johnson said. "It looks like a war-torn area. Trees are everywhere."

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Pakistani volunteers provide cold drinks to people suffering from the hot weather in Karachi, Pakistan, on Wednesday. SHAKIL ADIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Wind, rains cool Pakistan as death toll climbs to 838

### EXTREME WEATHER

#### Power outages, water shortages worsen impact of heat wave

A cool wind from the sea and pre-monsoon rains brought the first signs of respite to southern Pakistan on Wednesday as the death toll from a scorching heat wave climbed to 838 — a high figure even for a nation accustomed to sizzling hot summers.

Temperatures in hard-hit

Karachi, the country's largest city and its commercial hub where the overwhelming majority of the deaths were reported, dropped to 34 degrees Celsius, meteorologist Abdur Rasheed said.

The drop likely marked the end of the heat wave that began on Sunday. Hospital officials said admittances were lower than in previous days, when dehydrated patients lay in corridors and outside on the streets.

As dusk fell on Wednesday evening, volunteers on the streets of the port city handed out dates and provided drinks for iftar



**People never expected this sort of heat could come, so they were not prepared for it.**

Nazar Mohammad Bozdar, director general at the National Disaster Management Authority

meals that break the daylight fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Karachi has been in the epicenter of the heat wave, dubbed worst in at least a decade, with temperatures reaching 45 degrees Celsius. Hours-long power outages, little running water and the Ramadan fasting had

worsened the situation further.

Home to some 20 million people and the capital of the southern Sindh province, Karachi has long suffered under an inefficient power grid and a shortage of potable water. The power outages have also affected the city's sporadic water supply, forcing those who can afford it

to rely on tankers of water being delivered to their homes.

Maj. Gen. Asghar Nawaz, chairman of the National Disaster Management Authority, said that in Karachi alone, 800 people died as a result of the heat wave. The authorities were simply not prepared to handle the heat wave — the worst he could remember in Sindh since 1979.

Another 38 people died in various other parts of the province, Nawaz said, warning that the death toll could rise further in the coming days because many of the sick are in critical condition.

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## EUROPE

### Tunnel traffic resumes under English Channel after strike

Train services between Britain and France beneath the English Channel resumed Wednesday but the disruption stoked by striking French port workers the day before persevered.

Making life more difficult for those truckers trying to get on trains were illegal migrants trying to take advantage of the snail's-pace traffic to sneak onto trucks headed for Britain.

Eurotunnel, which runs those shuttle trains, said traffic resumed Wednesday mor-

ning. The Eurostar passenger train service, which carries about 10 million people a year across the Channel, also started running a normal schedule, though the company warned travellers to arrive extra early.

Both companies cancelled all trains Tuesday after ferry workers, striking over expected job cuts, swarmed train lines and set tires alight.

Migrants from Sudan, Eritrea and elsewhere are camped by the thousand in the port

city of Calais trying to reach Britain, where they believe they will have better job prospects. Some slept overnight alongside the main road to the tunnel.

The growing number of migrants in Europe has prompted France to announce thousands more places in centres for asylum seekers and emergency beds in Calais, as well as a police task force to help dismantle smugglers' networks.

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## TRIAL

### Jury awards patient \$500K for insults

A Virginia man was awarded \$500,000 in court after being mocked by an anesthesiologist during a colonoscopy in 2013.

The Washington Post reports the jury ordered 42-year-old Tiffany Ingham and her practice to pay the man after a three-day trial last week.

Officials say the man, who wanted to remain anonymous, recorded the incident while being prepped so he could capture the doctor's post-operation instructions. But when he listened to

the recording later, he discovered that he had recorded the entire examination and that the doctor and the rest of the surgical team had insulted and mocked him once he fell asleep.

When a medical assistant noted the man had a rash, Ingham warned her not to touch it, saying she might get "some syphilis on your arm or something," then added, "It's probably tuberculosis in the penis, so you'll be all right."

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## IN BRIEF

**Court approves Rogers purchase of Mobicity**

An Ontario court gave its approval for Rogers Communications to buy Mobicity for about \$465 million on Wednesday, a deal that is expected to trigger a series of transactions that will affect wireless customers in Ontario, Alberta and B.C.

Rogers will also sell some spectrum to Wind Mobile, which has emerged as one of the leading challengers to Canada's three biggest wireless companies, and complete a previously announced purchase of spectrum from Shaw.

Rogers said its takeover offer for Mobicity has also been approved by Industry Canada, which had blocked previous attempts for Telus to buy Mobicity. It still requires approval from the Competition Bureau. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Ford announced Tuesday that customers who finance their vehicles through Ford Motor Credit may rent their vehicle to pre-screened drivers for short-term use to offset the monthly costs of owning a vehicle.** SETH PERLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## UNITED STATES

**Ford launches ride-sharing pilot**

Ford is following the ride-sharing craze, launching its own pilot program in six U.S. cities and in London.

Under the program, customers who finance their vehicles through Ford Motor Credit will be able to rent their vehicle to pre-screened drivers for short-term use, helping to defray some monthly vehicle ownership costs.

"As most vehicles are parked and out of use much of the time, this can help us gauge our customers' desires to pick up extra cash and keep their vehicles in use," David McClelland, Ford Credit vice-president of marketing, said in a written statement.

Ford Motor Co. said 14,000

customers in the U.S. will be invited to participate, along with 12,000 in London.

U.S. customers will partake through ride-share company Getaround, while London customers will use easyCar Club.

The program is being offered through November to Ford Credit customers in Chicago, Washington D.C., Portland, Oregon and California locations including Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco.

Ford also said that it has a new electric bicycle, the MoDe: Flex. It's the automaker's third eBike, following the MoDe:Me and MoDe:Pro that launched in March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Duelling Donuts contest kicks off**

## TIM HORTONS

**Deadmau5, Jann Arden participating as celeb judges**

One lucky Canadian will be able to add their dream doughnut to the Tim Hortons menu and walk away with \$10,000 as winner of the Duelling Donuts contest, launched Wednesday by the coffee chain.

Home chefs have until July 21 to concoct a unique doughnut idea inspired by a family recipe.

Eight quarter-finalists will present their creations to a celebrity panel, including musicians Deadmau5 and Jann Arden and actress Sophie Tweed-Simmons. She's the daughter of Shannon Tweed, a St. John's, N.L.-born actress and model who is married to Kiss bassist Gene Simmons.

After the panel chooses four semifinalists to advance, the public gets to pick two pastries they want to see sold at Tim Hortons.

The finalists will be an-

**\$10,000**

**In addition to having your dream doughnut added to Tim Hortons' menu, the winner of Duelling Donuts will also walk away with a \$10,000 prize.**



**Canadian singer-songwriter Jann Arden.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

nounced Sept. 1 and sold in Tim Hortons restaurants across Canada early in the new year, with the most popular confection taking home the grand prize.

In 2014, Jennifer Brown of Glencoe, Ont., beat out almost 77,000 other entrants with her "Love Reese to Pieces" doughnut, which will be available at Tim Hortons shops for a limited time starting July 15. This chocolate doughnut, filled with a custard centre, is covered in chocolate fondant and topped with chopped peanuts and mini Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

This is the third year for the contest, launched after Jason Priestley created a doughnut named after himself — "The Priestley," a strawberry-vanilla doughnut with a chocolate Timbit nestled inside — in an episode of How I Met Your Mother. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Joel Thomas Zimmerman, better known as Deadmau5.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MARIJUANA

**Pot companies to merge, form Canada's largest producer**

Tweed Marijuana is offering to buy Bedrocan Cannabis Corp. in a friendly deal that would combine the two companies into what they say would be Canada's largest licensed pot producer.

The deal was worth \$61 million when it was announced early Wednesday — although the final value will vary with Tweed's stock price.

The two companies say the deal would combine Tweed's consumer-oriented business and Bedrocan's base in the clinical and research communities, giving the combined operation a competitive edge in a growing marketplace that opened up in May 2014 after Health Canada updated regulations for the medical use of marijuana.

Together, they have 110 full-

time employees and 30 to 50 part-time workers. Tweed has two production facilities in Ontario and distributes marijuana to individual patients. Bedrocan produces and sells pharmaceutical-grade cannabis from Toronto.



**I would not bet against a cannabis industry that is just evolving on a global level.**

Bedrocan CEO Marc Wayne

According to documents filed with regulators, Tweed had its first revenue little more than a year ago after its first product

shipment in May 2014 and generated about \$1.1 million of sales in the year ending Dec. 31, more than half of it in the final three months of last year. Bedrocan had \$1.5 million in revenue over the 13 months ending last Jan. 31.

"This has been a stretching exercise," said Bruce Linton, Tweed's chairman and CEO. "You have to have a platform of production, you have to have an education process to bring on the physicians and you have to have something that's desired by the market."

Under the deal announced Wednesday, Bedrocan's shareholders would get a total of 33.9 million common shares of Tweed, giving them 41.6 per cent of the combined company's total equity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### Clearly, obituaries should be the first thing you flip to.

Obituaries are where it's at. "It" being dazzling stories that, by exploring the specifics of one person's bizarre or instrumental or unexpected life, say a lot about life in general.

They're not about people dying; they're about people living. And that makes them, ironically, the least depressing part of the news.

The best are playful, soaked in sweet details, and yet honest about someone's good and bad sides. You come out remembering that no one is perfect (or pure evil), which is helpful when you're still alive and trying to be perfect all the time.

They contain the greatest characters, and the oddest asides (a Globe and Mail obituary on parliamentarian Frank Howard notes how stealing a "butterscotch pie from the kitchen window of the Sullivan Hotel" got Howard sent to an orphanage).

Obituaries let us marvel at how single lives can shift the world around them — as with F. Scott Fitzgerald's personal secretary, who died recently. Frances Kroll Ring spent only 20 months with the literary giant, typing pages and cooking meals, before he died in 1940. But she ended up playing a key role in his legacy, advising filmmakers and biographers and even writing a memoir.

Clearly, obituaries should

be the first thing you flip to, and some magazines help you out by placing them at the back. Those include the Economist and Maclean's — proving my theory that many things, but magazines in particular, are best read back to front.

The Economist's obituaries — which, in the U.K. tradition, lean heavily on wit and editorializing a life — detail extraordinary people around the globe. They taught me about the indomitable Polish statesmen Władysław Bartoszewski and the grotesquely opulent boyhood of Haitian ruler Baby Doc Duvalier. The stories satisfy, like watching a full sunset, their last lines tying off a life. I once cancelled my subscription because \$11 a month seemed like a lot to pay just to read an obituary a week. Then I restarted it.

Being as I am in the middle of a life (or what feels like the middle — who knows when I'll die?), it's probably most satisfying to see how, in an obituary, one thing leads to another. Failures stack up to eventual success, periods of stagnation lead to change. No one, in hindsight, simply flounders, aimless and useless. There's meaning to be gleaned from any life.

Even, you've gotta hope, your own.

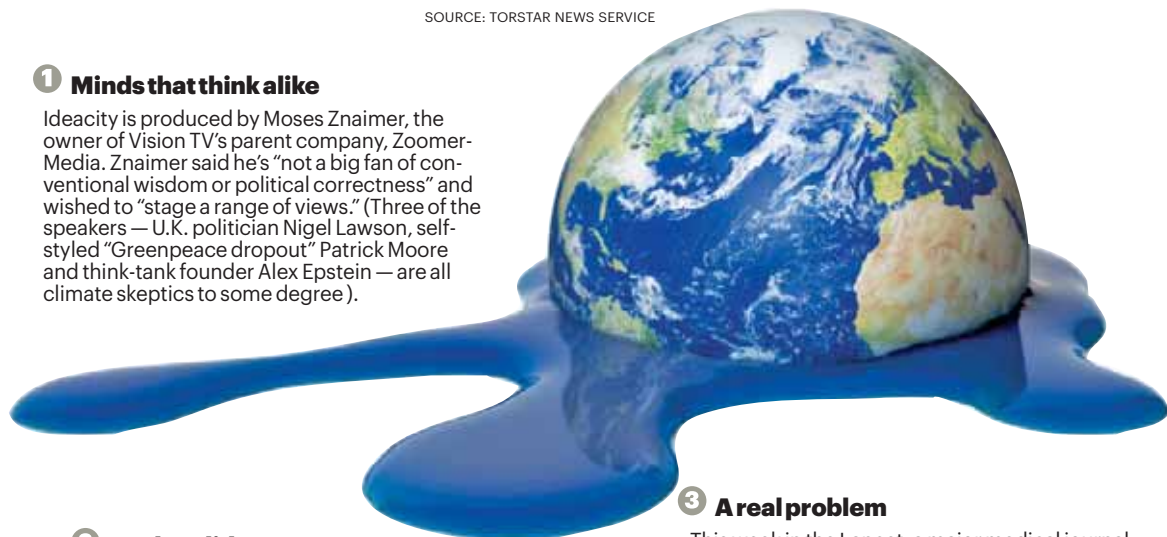
## THE BIG THING: SHOULD THE MEDIA TAKE THE MIKE AWAY FROM CLIMATE-CHANGE DENIERS?

A trio of environmental skeptics who held court at Ideacity, a TED Talk-like conference in Toronto this week, faced a flood of backlash for featuring fringe ideas on centre stage. Like vaccination, racism and guns, global warming tends to get people hot under the collar — and evidence is often left behind. But when the facts are so clear, should we be giving anti-science true believers a platform to air their views?

SOURCE: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### 1 Minds that think alike

Ideacity is produced by Moses Znaimer, the owner of Vision TV's parent company, ZoomerMedia. Znaimer said he's "not a big fan of conventional wisdom or political correctness" and wished to "stage a range of views." (Three of the speakers — U.K. politician Nigel Lawson, self-styled "Greenpeace dropout" Patrick Moore and think-tank founder Alex Epstein — are all climate skeptics to some degree).



### 2 Rock-solid consensus

Approximately 97 per cent of climate scientists believe humans' release of greenhouse gases is the cause of global climate change. That means just about every denier who appears in a panel, news story or pub debate is arguing from a minority (and scientifically unsubstantiated) viewpoint.

### 3 A real problem

This week in the Lancet, a major medical journal, researchers call climate change an "emergency" that could undermine 50 years of progress in public health. That message won't likely sway those who harbour a seed of doubt about climate science — a seed that may have been sown by naysayers sounding off in the media and at well funded, highly publicized events like Ideacity.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Metro's debt claim was misleading: Davidson

## School's a good investment, association leader says

I appreciate Metro News' coverage of my address to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce in the story, "Too fixated on the price tag."

It's important that students and families have access to the facts around affordability and return on investment in making decisions about their futures.

Fifty per cent of university students today graduate debt-free. Of those with debt, 30 per cent owe less than \$12,000. And average student debt today has not increased since 2000, in real dollars.

Universities have dramatically upped their financial assistance to students through scholarships, bursaries and awards in the past few decades. Universities' support has increased 45-fold from \$40 million in 1977 to \$1.8 billion in 2013, and benefits about four of every 10 students. In

**Fifty per cent of university students today graduate debt-free. Of those with debt, 30 per cent owe less than \$12,000.**

addition, there are federal and provincial supports to students through the tax system and financial assistance.

The data continue to

show that a university education is a solid investment. Even during the recession, there was very strong job growth for university graduates. Between April 2008 and April 2015, there were over one million net new jobs for university graduates.

Higher education in Canada continues to be a pathway to prosperity.

Paul Davidson is the president of Universities Canada, which represents the presidents of 97 public and private not-for-profit universities and colleges.

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# Killing Monica, to live again

**CANDACE BUSHNELL**  
**Sex and the City**  
**scribe tackles**  
**a woman's**  
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Tell me if you've heard this one before.

Pandy "PJ" Wallis is a famous writer whose books about the adventures of Monica, a swellegant New Yorker, are adapted for a series of blockbuster movies, starring SondaBeth Schnowzer as the beloved heroine.

Sound familiar? It's the starting point for Candace Bushnell's new book, *Killing Monica* (Grand Central Publishing, \$30). Like a serpent swallowing its tail, Bushnell plunders the basic trajectory of the success of her best-seller *Sex and the City* for her latest narrative.

It's impossible not to see the parallels with the meteoric rise of the SATC franchise and its star Sarah Jessica Parker as Carrie Bradshaw, the barely disguised alter ego of Bushnell herself.

But Bushnell has a couple of words for critics who see *Killing Monica* as just a thinly veiled memoir: "cray cray." The idea is absurd, Bushnell says.

"It's all made up. I'm inclined to view (*Killing Monica*)



Candace Bushnell's new novel follows a successful woman intent on changing her life. STYLING AND PHOTO BY LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

## WHAT'S IN BUSHNELL'S BOOK BAG?

"I'm going to be travelling, so I've got *Primates of Park Avenue*. But I've already jumped on it and read the whole thing,"



says Bushnell, laughing. "You know, I don't know what I'm going to read. I'm definitely going to read Jennifer Weiner's (*Who Do You Love*), but I'll have to wait until August."

ica) as an artist. It's experimental, it's more surreal, and it's pushed much farther into farce. It's like an object that exists on its own. It exists outside of my life," says Bushnell.

"I wrote SATC and that was part journalism and part fiction, so that was like a reflection of my life, but I have not written one book since then where I put myself as

the main character."

Bushnell, who gleefully skewers show biz in *Killing Monica* — the head of the film studio producing the Monica movies is nicknamed PP — says she was influenced by the 1963 epic comedy *It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World*.

"It's the maddest madcap movie," she says.

"I see some of those scenes like that; they're just over-

the-top."

While film producers and fans can't get enough of Monica, and SondaBeth, Pandy is so over both of them. With her marriage in tatters and soon-to-be ex Jonny Beluga desperate to get his hands on a hefty chunk of her Monica-money, Pandy launches a scheme to free herself from all of it — the Monica millstone, her former bestie SondaBeth and the greedy grasp of Jonny.

Zany as the book may be, *Killing Monica* covers familiar Bushnell territory: the social and interior lives of women.

In the case of her latest novel, it's that moment when women seek to reinvent themselves, a pattern Bushnell has noticed among her female friends.

"There truly is a midlife crisis; it's an existential crisis," says Bushnell.

"I see people struggling with reinvention, because like a Monica, we all have created a perfect persona. Monica's always happy, nothing bad ever happens to Monica. While Monica's kind of persona has served us very, very well, when our younger persona no longer fits, it's a time when it's natural to ask once again, 'Why am I here?'"

"Which makes sense if you consider that it comes at a time when your children are also leaving the nest. I think it's nature's way of saying, now you must be creative in a different way," she says. "That's how I see it."

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Sunshine, sand and a stack of books provide a classic way to spend carefree summer days. Check out our reading list for the hottest new titles. STYLING AND PHOTO BY LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

# Best summer reading of 2015

Lazy days in the shade spent with a good book are one of summer's great luxuries, but to indulge, you have to decide what to read first. Whether you're looking for romance, suspense or to be transported across the globe, these are the books that will do the trick.

## METRO CANADA

### FICTION

#### **Eight Hundred Grapes** by Laura Dave

When Georgia's fiancé reveals a shocking secret just days before their wedding, she flees home to California where her family owns a winery. There, she learns that her parents are splitting up and selling the estate. Pour yourself a glass of wine and settle in.

#### **The Underwriting** by Michelle Miller

Alternating chapters between several characters, this is an addictive novel about sex, greed and the duelling world of Wall Street versus Silicon Valley. Six 20-somethings are primed to make millions



thanks to a crazy popular dating app, but success comes at a price.

**Under Fire** by Tom Clancy  
Though Tom Clancy passed away in 2013, his suspenseful



franchise lives on, thanks to his co-author Grant Blackwood. This book follows the president's son, who sets out on a heart-pounding mission after an old friend delivers him a cryptic message.

#### **Boo** by Neil Smith

A book about friendship and finding your place in the world, Boo follows the adventure of eighth-grader Oliver "Boo" Dalrymple who finds himself suddenly in a strange land.

#### **Love May Fail** by Matthew Quick

From the author of the Oscar-winning Silver Linings

Playbook comes this new novel about a woman who escapes her ritzy life in Florida to return home to her shut-in mother in New Jersey.

#### **Summerlong** by Dean Bakopoulos

Summerlong is both smart and satisfying. Don and Claire are college sweethearts living in a Midwestern town. Three children later, their marriage is in trouble and the young coeds

#### **Alexandrian Summer** by Yitzhak Gormezano Goren

Originally published in 1978 but now translated in English for the first time is a novel about two feuding Egyptian Jewish families. Set in 1951, it exposes sexual hypocrisies of the upper-middle class while hooking the readers with a dramatic storyline.



#### **Red Queen** by Victoria Aveyard

A girl with special powers must navigate a world of deadly court intrigue. De-

they have both separately met sure aren't helping things.

#### **Remember Me This Way** by Sabine Durrant

An eerie, exhilarating tale of marriage with a cast of great characters and ample plot twists, this dark

novel is by the same author of the thriller Under Your Skin.



scribed as Game of Thrones meets X-Men — the book was instantly optioned for film by Universal and is on numerous must-read lists.

#### **The Heir** by Kiera Cass

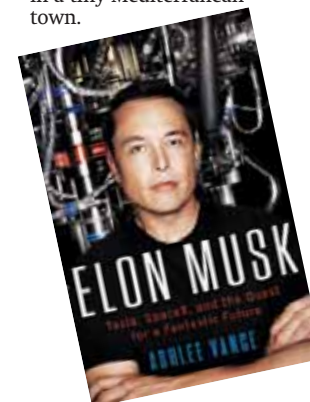
The Bachelorette meets Cinderella as 35 men compete for the chance to marry a princess in this new story arc in Kiera Cass's internationally bestselling Selection series.

#### **The Ultimatum** by Dick Wolf

Law & Order creator Dick Wolf's new novel is about a detective tasked with hunting down a serial sniper who uses drone technology. The mystery novel will keep you guessing until the end.

#### **The Rocks** by Peter Nichols

Misbehaving strangers struggle with a 60-year-old secret that drove two lovers apart in a tiny Mediterranean town.







**China Rich Girlfriend: A Novel by Kevin Kwan**  
The author of Crazy Rich Asians is back with this story about Rachel Chu, who is about to marry Asia's most eligible bachelor only to discover some family secrets and a long lost father.

**Broken Promise by Linwood Barclay** (out July 28)  
The New York Times best-selling author is back with this story of a failed newsman who returns home with his nine-year-old son after the death of his wife only to discover a family secret of epic proportions.



**Circling the Sun by Paula McLain** (out July 28)  
The Paris Wife author Paula McLain returns with Circling the Sun, set in 1920s Kenya. Beryl is a young woman, both bohemian and bold, who conquers everything from racehorse training to commercial piloting. The only thing she can't seem to control is her heart.

**Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J. Ryan Stradal** (out July 28)  
Stradal's debut novel is a mother-daughter tale about life and how food creates community and a gives you a sense of identity.

**The Dust that Falls from Dreams by Louis de Bernieres** (out Aug. 4)  
From the author of the international bestseller, Corelli's Mandolin, this sweeping Edwardian-era saga follows the fortunes of four British sisters and their band of friends as their golden childhood in the English countryside comes to an abrupt end with the outbreak of the First World War.

**Miss Emily by Nuala O'Connor** (out July 14)  
This beautifully written book imagines a complicated and compelling relationship between one of America's most reclusive literary icons, Emily Dickinson, and her young Irish maid.

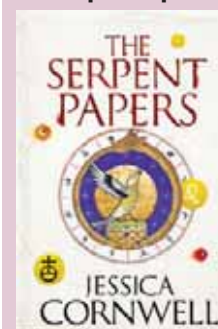
**Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee** (out July 14)  
Harper Lee shocked book lovers everywhere when she announced she just so happened to have an unpublished sequel to To Kill a Mockingbird. The book features a now grownup Scout who is returning home to visit her father, Atticus.

## FOR THE COTTAGE

**Finders Keepers by Stephen King**  
Following the same heroes introduced in his book Mr. Mercedes, Finders Keepers is King's story of an obsessed reader whose interest in a reclusive writer goes too far. This is the first time King revisits the reader-author obsession since his book Misery.

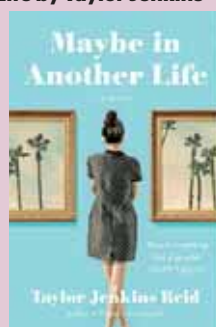


**The Serpent Papers by Jessica Cornwell**



The first book in Jessica Cornwell's The Serpent Papers is sure to entrance with the introduction of Anna Verco, a young researcher who soon finds herself discovering a world of alchemy, magic and secrets after a series of murders in modern-day Barcelona.

**Maybe in Another Life by Taylor Jenkins Reid** (out July 7)  
In this tale reminiscent of the film Sliding Doors, a young woman's future hinges on the decisions she makes when she bumps into an old flame. The novel is told in alternating chapters as we see the two possibilities play out.

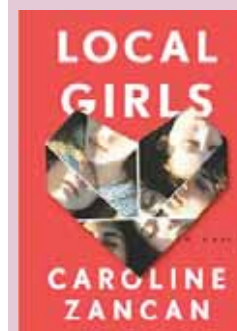


## FOR THE BEACH

**99 Days by Katie Cotugno**  
A perfect beach read, this book features a summer romance set in a small town while still tackling issues of girl-on-girl bullying and slut-shaming. Readers of John Green and Nicholas Sparks will enjoy this young adult novel.



**Local Girls by Caroline Zancan** (out June 30)  
Caroline Zancan gifts us the friendship novel of the summer with this page-turner about four best friends, all 19 years old, and a hot movie star who shows up to their sleepy Florida town.



**Barbarian Days by William Finnegan** (out July 20)  
An adventure story meets literary biography meets road movie meets exploration into the world of surfing in this novel which has made numerous best-of summer lists.



## NON-FICTION

**The Domino Diaries by Brin-Jonathan Butler**  
Journalist Jonathan Butler spills about his 10 years as a journalist in Cuba, largely covering the boxing scene. Even if you're not a boxing fan, you'll be mesmerized with this up-close look at Cuba's fascinating culture.

**I Like You Just the Way I Am by Jenny Mollen**  
Actress Jenny Mollen wrote this laugh-out-loud book with R-rated stories from her personal life, including hiring a prostitute for her husband Jason Biggs's birthday. Expect your fellow commuters to lean over your shoulder to see what you're cackling at.

**Twisted by Bert Ashe**  
Writer Bert Ashe chronicles his quest to grow dreadlocks while giving a cultural history of the hairstyle, from originating in Jamaica to making its way to the States. His is a welcome fresh voice, starting a conversation about black culture from a quirky, fun angle.

**Elon Musk by Ashlee Vance**  
This authorized bio of Elon Musk will offer a look at one of Silicon Valley's most ambitious entrepreneurs. Expect to be enthralled by this Tony Stark-like figure in the same way biographies like Moneyball and Steve Jobs were captivating in the past.

**Modern Romance by Aziz Ansari**  
An in-depth look at modern romance presented with comic insight, Ansari travelled the globe and spoke to hundreds to give us this unique take on love.

**Empire of Deception by Dean Jobb**  
In the tradition of bestselling books like The Devil in the White City and The Man in the Rockefeller Suit, Jobb combines investigative journalism and captivating storytelling to examine one of the greatest con artists of the twentieth century.

**Let's Be Less Stupid by Patty Marx** (out July 14)  
Subtitled "An Attempt to Maintain my Mental Faculties," this book finds the former Saturday Night Live writer confessing to her memory failures in an attempt to regain the mental acuity of her 22-year-old self.

**Wicked and Weird: The Amazing Tales of Buck 65 by Rich Terfry** (out Aug. 11)  
The CBC radio host gives us a glimpse into the world of his alter ego, Buck 65, taking us from small town Nova Scotia to his success as a musician.

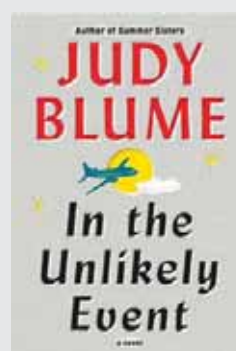
## OYSTER PICKS

We asked Kevin Nguyen, the editorial director at Oyster (known as the "Netflix for books") what three releases he's excited about. He shares his picks below:

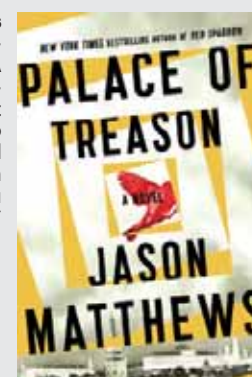


**H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald**  
"Helen Macdonald grapples with the death of her father by taking on the challenge of training a goshawk in one of the year's most devastating and cathartic memoirs."

**Palace of Treason by Jason Matthews**  
"There's nothing better than a star-crossed Russian operative and a CIA agent for keeping you completely engrossed on a flight, beach or your hot summer subway ride. This followup to the bestselling 2013 thriller Red Sparrow might even make you wish you had a couple more stops so you could squeeze in a few extra pages."



**In the Unlikely Event by Judy Blume**  
"For readers who grew up with the classic Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret, Judy Blume's new adult novel brings Blume's signature style together with an intricate multi-generational story about how people deal with love and loss."





# ‘Steeped in style of another sort’

## REVIEW

## Asian diaspora isn't usually featured in pop-lit genre

**Matt Kwong**  
For Metro

As an Asian dude, I'm weak tea.

My Cantonese is a mess of Canadian-accented “Ching-lish.” The only Chinese script I can write (my own name) might be mistaken for a child's careful scrawl. When I visited Hong Kong as a teen, my auntie chided me for walking like a Westerner.

It's nothing that would make for a book, but lifestyles of the Asian diaspora generally aren't typical narratives in pop-lit. Not unless they deliver some affecting truths about the “old ways” of the East disappearing amid assimilation into the new world (see: Wayson Choy's *The Jade Peony*), or reach-for-the-Kleenex historical vignettes used to impart maternal wisdom (Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club*).

But the breezy beach read? The guilty-pleasure chick lit? Even the fun but weird experimental stuff about the modern pan-Asian experience? That's harder to come by.

So I can appreciate that two Asian authors, each publishing wildly different releases this summer, did it with over-the-top style.

In Toronto-based writer Jon Chan Simpson's debut, *Chinkstar*, it's the style of hip-hop bravado, comic-book action and noir set in a gang-ridden Red Deer, Alta.

Kevin Kwan's buzzy *China Rich Girlfriend* is steeped in style of another sort.

Fresh off his success for 2013's *Crazy Rich Asians*, Kwan's followup returns to a world of Singapore society pages, couture gowns, ultra-exclusive Hong Kong supper clubs, Ferrari-crashing skirt-chasers and jet-setter billionaires competing to buy status antiquities.

Asian identity aside, Simpson and Kwan serve up a banquet of oddball characters in their books that just about any reader should find exotic.

The events in *Chinkstar*

are set in motion after Run, a 17-year-old “halfchi” born by a Chinese mother and Scottish father, hunts for his missing older brother, emcee King Kwong, the rapper leader of a Tao-inspired doctrine called *The Movement*.

What begins as a whodunnit later assumes the character of a graphic novel without the art panels, packing in kung-fu violence and the kind of macho, portentous dialogue that brings to mind comics writer Frank Miller's 1980s work on *Batman*.

Simpson, identified by Quill & Quire as a writer to watch, freestyles with language, re-appropriating racial slurs and slang (“What up, slants?” a character greets another; “Chinkstas for life,” Run tells his mother).

“Gats” fire golden “caps,” men leer at “honeys” in the club, brawling characters eat “mad knuckle,” and a lot of four-letter words we can't print here fill Simpson's pages. If you can get past the lingo-heavy but lyrical prose — or read, as I did, with *UrbanDictionary*.com open in a tab — there's a uniquely superfly story to be found.

Kwan's *China Rich Girlfriend*

weaves footnotes throughout, with translations for Hokkien swears, descriptions of Singaporean desserts, and helpful asides such as one informing us the Bugatti Veyron is the “fastest street-legal production car in the world.”

A cast of conniving, passive-aggressive aunties make for sharp social satire, with the nuptials of Rachel Chu and Nick Young driving a plot involving twisty family drama in some of Asia's most opulent settings.

Kwan actually toned down some of the real-life spend-thriftiness he encountered during his book research throughout China.

One way or another, it's an entertaining look at an unbelievable world of consumption. Like the rap-infused *Chinkstar*, *China Rich Girlfriend* has more fun with swagger and style than on laying down life lessons or ancient Chinese wisdom. Genre fiction is probably richer for it.



Author Kevin Kwan's latest has more fun with swagger and satire than on laying down life lessons or ancient Chinese wisdom. CHRIS YOUNG/FILE PHOTO

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## Culture takes the rap

## CROSS-CULTURAL MASHUP

### Novel crushes stereotypes of Chinese hip-hop scene

## BOOKWORM

**Sue Carter**



There's a balletic scene in Bruce Lee's final film, 1978's *Game of Death*, where the kung-fu legend spectacularly fights and (and kills) 7-foot-2-inch basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Cross-cultural mashups are nothing new in film and music, and yet when Jon Chan Simpson wrote a short piece about a Chinese rap scene while working on his creative-writing masters degree at University of Toronto, the pervasive reaction to his scenario was amusement.

“I found the response sad and disturbing, and a little weird,” Simpson says. “This is what hap-

pens when two stereotypes are brought together, and it doesn't fit with what people think of them. It's similar to the reason that people find rapping grannies funny.”

Simpson realized he was onto a bigger idea about cultural perceptions than a short story could explore, and began writing what would become his debut novel, *Chinkstar*, publishing in July with Coach House Books. Set in Simpson's hometown of Red Deer, Alta., the story follows Run, a Chinese-Scottish misfit living in the shadow of his brother Kwong, the reigning lord of the city's thriving chinksta rap scene.

While *Red Deer* isn't the most obvious location for a fictional Chinese hip-hop community, Simpson's decision to place his story there is a subtle nod to the entire province being on the cusp of radical political change. “Alberta strikes me as this place you don't think something could happen until it does,” he says.

When Kwong goes missing and his mother is hit with a stray bullet, Run reluctantly searches for his sibling,

while attempting to dodge rival gangs and repeated punches to the face. The book's relentless energy and comics-style violence owes as much to Lee's deadly side kicks as Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker's *Rush Hour* franchise, and repeated listenings to Wu-Tang Clan and gangsta rap.

While *Chinkstar* could easily be read as a fun action-movie mashup in itself, on another level, the book asks us to examine our own reactions to accepted cultural stereotypes.

“What happens when one racialized group expresses itself in the voice of another racialized group?” asks Simpson. “My hope is to start a conversation.”



Jon Chan Simpson CONTRIBUTED



CHANNING'S LIKE, "G.I. NO"; LINDSAY WANTS TO START OVER IN LONDON TOWN

# Channing Tatum really hated G.I. Joe

Channing Tatum has done a pretty great job of maintaining his loveable nicest guy in Hollywood image, but apparently he isn't chipper and cheerful about everything. And one particular kids cartoon franchise-starter left a very bad taste in his mouth. "Look, I'll be honest. I f—ing

hate that movie. I hate that movie," he tells Howard Stern about G.I. Joe: the Rise of Cobra, Tatum's first big action flick and part of a three-picture deal with Paramount. "The studio calls up and they're like, 'Hey, we got a movie for you. We're going to send it to you.' And it was right



during the writers' strike. And it's G.I. Joe. I'm like, 'Look, G.I. Joe? I love G.I. Joe. Can I play Snake Eyes?' And they're like, 'No. You're not playing Snake Eyes.' 'Hey, you're doing this. You're doing this or we're going to sue you.' If that's not bad enough, doing that film didn't really get him the kind of attention he was looking for. "The

Coen Brothers aren't watching G.I. Joe," Tatum says.

# LiLo is teasing us about London move again

It's a new season, the equinox is behind us, so obviously we're due for another bout of Lindsay Lohan going on and



on about how amazing London is and she's totally thinking of making it her new home. "I can definitely see myself settling in London permanently," she tells Hello! Magazine. "I'm in a really good place. I'm blessed to have been able to do a play in

London and start a different way of life. New York is very fast paced and it's not like that over here for me. You grow up and change, and I'm really happy about that, as overall I feel a lot better. For me, I feel more comfortable working from London." You know what, Ms. Lohan? We don't like empty promises. Stop talking about never coming back to the States already and just do it.

# Studio tells Depp to get shipshape

## FILMING

## Apparently the captain's been having a bit too much rum

## IN HOLLYWOOD

Ned Ehrbar



Johnny Depp has apparently been causing more problems on the set of the new Pirates of the Caribbean beyond getting into trouble for smug-

gling terriers.

Studio bigwigs reportedly staged an intervention to get Depp to knock off the partying he's been doing and take the job seriously, according to the National Enquirer.

"They've told him in no uncertain terms that he needs to clean up his act and concentrate on making the movie. He had a big sit-down with the head of Disney Pictures, as well as producer Jerry Bruckheimer, his agents and a few close friends," a source says.

"Basically, they told Johnny he had to get his act together. Johnny apologized to the crew and produ-



Johnny Depp, dressed as Captain Jack Sparrow from the Pirates of the Caribbean. GETTY IMAGES

cers when he finally got back to Australia from L.A."

Not only that, he also reportedly hired a sober coach to help him out. None of this,

of course, explains why we need another Pirates of the Caribbean movie, but I suppose we can't have everything.



Hulu's recreation of the Seinfeld apartment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MEMORABILIA MUSEUM

# Take a walk in the world of Seinfeld

Seinfeld fans are getting an open invitation into Jerry's apartment.

Hulu has teamed up with production shop Magnetic Collaborative to remake Jerry Seinfeld's TV apartment for the iconic show's Wednesday release of all nine seasons on the streaming video service.

Hulu created a free memorabilia museum with the world-famous Upper West Side apartment re-located in Manhattan's Meatpacking District. Seinfeld lovers can walk through a real-life model of the apartment and see different set items such as the Monk's Cafe table and booth, the Festivus Pole and George

Costanza's photo shoot set from different episodes. There is also a canvas "brick wall" full of signatures from the show's many stars, guests and crew.

Larry Thomas, who played the memorable Soup Nazi, believes Seinfeld remains popular because of the show's relationships and the crazy situations its main characters — Jerry, Kramer, Elaine and George — found themselves in.

"What Seinfeld really was about was these people, the way they treat each other, the way they treat the world and, you know, the way the world treats them, and it had nothing to do with the '90s or the technology or some of the other things," Thomas said.

The pop-up exhibit is open through Sunday at Milk Studios. Admission is free.

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## What they're asking



This week, Metro looks at three-bedroom, resale condominium townhomes. These dwellings have the luxury of space to suit a growing family, without the cost of a large home, and the convenience of maintenance-free condo living. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO



**\$299,500**

### Halifax

This townhouse at 8 Stratford Way in the Clayton Park area has many upgrades. With three bedrooms and two and a half baths, it's a good size for a growing family. The house features a large living room, a spacious eat-in kitchen with new granite countertops, and a walkout to an outdoor deck. The upper level boasts a large master bedroom, with a walk-in closet and a newly renovated ensuite. The two spare rooms are bright with lots of closet space. Listing agent is Thomas Bagogloo from the Bagogloo Team, RE/MAX nova, 902-830-9006.



**\$224,900**

### Edmonton

This corner townhouse is one of the largest units in the Brentwood Village complex at almost 1,300 sq. ft. There are two large bedrooms upstairs, along with a master and renovated bathroom. The main floor features a large living room with new laminate floors. The kitchen has been renovated with mocha cabinetry and plenty of counter space, and there's a fully finished basement. The location is close to shopping and transit. Brent MacIntosh is a sales representative with Re/Max River City, 780-464-0075.



**\$405,000**

### Calgary

This two-storey townhome is on a quiet street in the Varsity Village area. The home features a bright main floor, with new hardwood and carpeting. There's a large kitchen, a separate dining area, and a bright living room with fireplace and balcony. The kitchen has been updated with large windows and patio doors. The master bedroom with ensuite has plenty of closet space. Transportation is at the door, and the Market Mall is across the street. Bryon Howard is a sales representative for RE/MAX House of Real Estate, 403-589-0004.



**\$400,000**

### Toronto

Located in a peaceful downtown setting, this open-concept, two-storey townhome resides in the King West neighbourhood. It boasts more than 1,000 sq. ft. of living space, including a large, private patio and gardens. Transit friendly, the home is close to the shops and entertainment choices of Queen West and Liberty Village. Extras include a stainless-steel fridge, oven, microwave, dishwasher and washer-dryer. Listing agent James Benson is with Keller Williams Advantage Realty, 416-465-4545.



**\$335,900**

### Winnipeg

Here's a 1,500 sq. ft. condo townhouse in the heart of the Royalwood neighbourhood. The home features a large great room and a tiled electric fireplace. The kitchen boasts cappuccino kitchen cupboards and a breakfast bar. The dining room has a patio door leading to the deck. Upstairs is a master with an ensuite and walk-in closet, and the finished lower level has a rec room. The location is close to bus routes, schools and shopping. Lisa Raymond is a sales representative with The Property Exchange Group Inc., 204-298-8975.



**\$1,088,000**

### Vancouver

Here's a townhome in the Vancouver West Fairview neighbourhood that was renovated in 2008. The home boasts outstanding views from a bright and open living room connected to the balcony. There's a contemporary kitchen and three bathrooms. The brick building is on a quiet, tree-lined street. It's within walking distance of False Creek Seawall, Granville Island, downtown, as well as the Cambie-Broadway and Olympic Village Canada Line stations. Listing agent is Ling Ling Ye with Royal Pacific Realty Corp., 604-266-8989.



## IN BRIEF

### Twins have no problem with flame-throwing Sale

Phil Hughes tossed eight strong innings and the Minnesota Twins beat Chris Sale for the third time this season, overcoming 10 more strikeouts by the Chicago White Sox ace in a 6-1 victory Wednesday.

Sale (6-4) reached double digits in strikeouts for the seventh straight game. He was trying to become the first pitcher in modern major league history with at least 12 in six consecutive starts.

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### Cabrera-less Tigers fall to Tribe in Cleveland

There was a humongous hole in Detroit's lineup, and the Indians took advantage of it.

Carlos Carrasco kept the AL's best hitting team — missing slugger Miguel Cabrera — in check for eight innings and Cleveland won its first home game this season against the Tigers, 8-2 on Wednesday.

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### Timing for decision on Deflategate uncertain

It's back to the waiting game for Tom Brady.

After making his case in a 10-hour hearing, Brady's fate is in the hands of Roger Goodell. When the NFL commissioner will announce his decision to uphold, reduce or eliminate Brady's four-game suspension in "Deflategate" is uncertain.

"I think that's going to be sooner rather than later," Marc Ganis, who is the president of SportsCorp consulting firm and has a close relationship with many league owners, said Wednesday. "One of the criticisms of this whole matter has been the way it's dragged on."

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Tom Brady at Patriots min-camp last week. GETTY IMAGES

# Estrada allowing nada

MLB

## Jays pitcher works wonders for a second straight start

Marco Estrada made a run at history for the second consecutive start and came up just short again.

Estrada lost his bid for a perfect game on Logan Forsythe's infield single with one out in the eighth inning, but Chris Colabello homered in the 12th to lift the Toronto Blue Jays over the Tampa Bay Rays 1-0 on Wednesday.

Estrada also carried a no-hit bid into the eighth inning of his previous start Friday against Baltimore. This time, he struck out 10 and threw a career-high 129 pitches.

"He's been on some kind of roll," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said.

Forsythe barely beat out a slow chopper to third that Josh Donaldson fielded barehanded. Donaldson's throw to first was just a hair too late.

"It was a little frustrating just because it wasn't hit very hard," Estrada said. "Donaldson made a great play. The guy can run a little bit, so he beat it out."

Toronto challenged the safe call by umpire Joe West, which was confirmed after a 40-second replay review.

"It wasn't a pretty hit, but it was a hit," Forsythe said. "But hats off to him."

Tampa Bay's only other hit



Blue Jays starting pitcher Marco Estrada walks back to the dugout after giving up his first hit of the game against the Rays in the eighth inning on Wednesday in St. Petersburg, Fla. BRIAN BLANCO/GETTY IMAGES

off Estrada was Kevin Kiermaier's two-out double in the ninth that chased the right-hander.

"The ninth inning, I gave up a hard-hit ball to Kiermaier. That made it a little better," Estrada said. "Easier to forget about."

Colabello connected for a one-out shot to centre off Brandon Gomes (1-3).

It was the Blue Jays' first homer in the 12th inning or later to break a scoreless tie since Jesse Barfield did it on Sept. 26, 1986, at Boston.

"I'm proud of the guys, but

### WEDNESDAY At Tampa



that's what they're made of. This is a more character team than we've had in the past," Gibbons said.

Brett Cecil (2-4) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the 11th, and Steve Delabar got three outs for his first save of the season.

Donaldson dove a couple of rows into the stands to catch

David DeJesus' foul pop leading off the eighth.

"I thought it was pretty neat," Donaldson said. "I was just trying to do anything I can to help get outs at that time."

Nathan Karns took a no-hit bid into the sixth for the Rays, but exited one inning later after giving up consecutive singles to Edwin Encarnacion and Dioner Navarro. Kevin Jepsen pitched out of the jam by getting three straight outs.

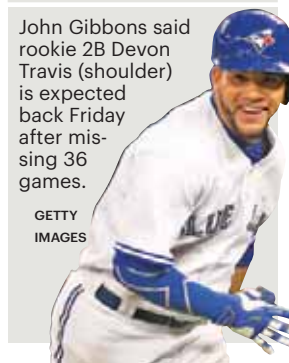
Karns gave up three hits, three walks and struck out five over six-plus innings.

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## INJURY UPDATE

John Gibbons said rookie 2B Devon Travis (shoulder) is expected back Friday after missing 36 games.

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### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## NHL formally opens expansion process

The NHL's board of governors has given the green light to opening a formal expansion process.

Commissioner Gary Bettman announced the decision at an afternoon news conference in Las Vegas while insisting it's no guarantee that the NHL will add a 31st or 32nd team.

Nevertheless it's an important step toward expanding the league. Interested parties will have from July 6 until August 10 to apply.

"We will then go through a formal vetting process, and the

board ultimately will determine whether or not there's any interest in expanding," Bettman said. "If the conclusion is there is interest from the league's perspective, then there will be focus on what the terms would be and who the likely successful candidates might be."

Deputy commissioner Bill Daly added that the 2017-18 season would be the earliest an expansion team would debut



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in the NHL. Bill Foley's Hockey Vision Las Vegas is at the forefront of expansion talk, and the city is the favourite to get a franchise.

The Las Vegas season-ticket drive received 13,200 deposits for seats at the brand new arena that's set to open next spring, according to Daly. Those deposits are technically refundable if a

team is not in place for 2016-17, but Daly said he didn't think Foley's group was concerned by that.

Seattle and Quebec City are other leading candidates and Toronto is another possibility. Daly said other cities, such as Milwaukee, Portland and Kansas City have also expressed interest.

Bettman said the expansion fee will be at least \$500 million US. Any applicants must also pay a fee, some of which is refundable, Daly said.

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Las Vegas is thought to be one of the top candidates for expansion for Gary Bettman and the NHL.

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# Herdman stays focused on cup climb

## WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

### Manager calm after Moscato denies saying morale is low

Canadian coach John Herdman, who always has a timely metaphor in his back pocket, reached for the heights Wednesday.

Canada plays England in the

quarter-finals Saturday at B.C. Place Stadium, knowing it is just two victories away from the World Cup final. Herdman has used the "hard climb to the summit" comparison with his players. Herdman welcomes that simplicity, especially since eighth-ranked Canada is no longer playing teams ranked below where wins are expected. Sixth-seeded England is the next hurdle.

"It's like you can see the summit, you can actually see it now.

And the players have got an absolute focus to not fall off the cliff," Herdman said. On Wednesday, continuing the climb meant dealing with the suggestion that all was not well at the Canadian base camp. Veteran defender Carmelina Moscato dismissed comments attributed to her that Canadian morale was poor and that some players were upset at the starting lineup selections.

Former Canadian international Christine Latham, now work-

ing as a TV analyst, made the comments — citing Moscato as the source — prior to the broadcast of the Canada-Swiss game. Moscato rebutted the comments saying Latham had misrepresented her words.

Moscato said morale was excellent, a view echoed by Herdman.

"Every goal we've scored, the player goes to the bench and you look at the passion and the connectedness of the players," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Canada defender Carmelina Moscato, right, denies that she said morale is low with her team. MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY IMAGES



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## CFL

### League aiming to bolster drug policy

The CFL and CFL Players' Association will meet to strengthen the league's drug policy after it came under heavy criticism from the World Anti-Doping Agency.

The league and union made the joint announcement Wednesday with neither saying when the meetings would begin. "As I have said since the day I was appointed commissioner, we have an unwavering commitment to the health and safety of our players, and the integrity of our game," CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge said in a statement.

WADA has been critical of the CFL for having an "irresponsible" drug policy, and on Monday, WADA director general David Howman said the league needed to overhaul a system that undermines drug education of amateur athletes by failing to suspend players who test positive while competing in other leagues.

The CFL and its players will focus on three areas, including what penalties Canadian university and NCAA players should face as they attempt to enter the CFL after testing positive at school or the league combine; what should happen when a player tests positive, and the frequency of random testing.

"When this policy was introduced, it represented the best efforts of the CFL and CFLPA," said

union president Scott Flory said. "That being said, we are actively looking at updating the policy."

The CFL recently severed its partnership with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, which had administered the policy for four years. That decision was reached after Dr. Christiane Ayotte, the head of the only WADA-accredited drug-testing

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**The CFL will act in the best interests of our players, our game and our league.**

CFL Commissioner Jeff Orridge

lab in Canada, said her Montreal facility would no longer test CFL samples because the league didn't suspend first-time offenders.

"I often say our best can be better and that is true of a policy that was heavily praised when it was introduced but now needs improvement," said Orridge. "But make no mistake, the CFL will act in the best interests of our players, our game and our league." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### NFL concussion awards on hold amid court appeals of potential \$1B settlement

Retired NFL players seeking payouts from the potential \$1 billion NFL concussion settlement could be waiting until next year based on appeals being weighed this fall.

About 90 former players are appealing the final settlement approved this year by a federal judge in Philadelphia. The settlement covers about 21,000 NFL retirees.

Experts for both sides have said they expect about 6,000 of the retirees — or nearly 3 in 10 — to suffer from Alzheimer's disease or moderate dementia someday. The settlement would pay them about \$190,000 on average.

Dozens of others are expected to be diagnosed with Parkinson's or Lou Gehrig's disease. Younger men with these conditions could get up to several million dollars for medical care and other expenses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## RECIPE Chicken Kebobs



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## Ready in

Prep time: 12 minutes

Cook time: 18 minutes

Serves: 4

## Ingredients

- 3 Tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 3 Tbsp rice vinegar
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 4 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp water
- 3/4 lb lean chicken cut into cubes
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 1 large green bell pepper, cut into sixteen 1-inch pieces
- 1 small white onion, cut into sixteen 1-inch pieces
- 16 small mushrooms

## Directions

1. Combine the soy sauce, vin-

egar, honey, garlic, sesame and vegetable oils and water in a bowl. Add the chicken and marinate for 15 minutes.

**2.** Spray the barbecue with cooking oil and preheat to medium-high. Remove the chicken from the marinade. Place the marinade in a small saucepan and whisk in the cornstarch until dissolved. Cook over medium-low heat for five minutes until thick and syrupy. If too thick, add a little water. Set half of the sauce aside.

**3.** Thread the chicken, green peppers, onions and mushrooms alternately onto eight metal skewers. Barbecue, turning and brushing with half of the marinade frequently, for 10 to 15 minutes, or until cooked through and no longer pink. Serve with the remaining marinade on the side.

## Nutrition per serving

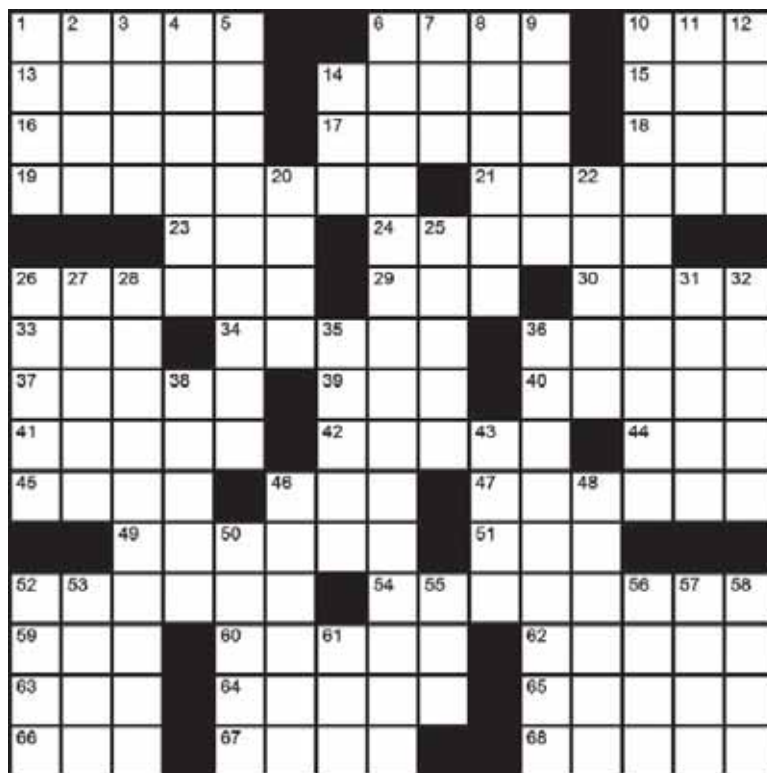
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

1. 'Straight'-meaning prefix
6. ...six, \_\_, huit....
10. Poetic contraction
13. "It's \_\_ the Game" by Tommy Edwards
14. Actress Maria
15. Lance of 1990s judging
16. Weather mixture
17. Make a party platter faux pas
18. Novel
19. In Edmon-ton, it has a man-made lake: William \_\_ Park
21. " \_\_ Street"
23. JD \_\_, Canadian rapper
24. Not-present status
26. Rocker brothers Joel or Benji
29. Bzzz-er
30. Dethrone
33. Stray
34. Vaults
36. Maison's entrance
37. Music hits list
39. Swallowed
40. Sleep \_\_
41. Pens
42. Speak
44. Corn unit
45. Perched on
46. 'Meth' suffix
47. Fierce weather events
49. Drink of the gods
51. Group of Seven painter Mr. Jackson, et al.



52. Rent out your apartment
54. "Cityline" lifestyle/DIY expert, \_\_
59. Cubed food flavouring brand
60. Unexpressed,

- but understood
62. Jack of "The Texas Rangers" (1936)
63. Mauna \_\_ (Hawaiian volcano)
64. Petty quarrels
65. Endor in-

- habitants
66. Food fragment
67. 'Susp' suffix
68. Wives of rajas

## DOWN

1. Scratcher's woe

7. Yore
8. Puckered clothing fabric
9. Pith helmet
10. Bryan Adams' duet partner on "It's Only Love": 2 wds.
11. Thingy
12. Actor Rob
14. Lingerie purchase
20. Ms. Del Rey
22. Poke around
25. Badger
26. Holy birthplace of Muhammad
27. Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
28. June 25th-28th, 2015: Tim Hortons Ottawa \_\_ Festival
31. Prepare, as broccoli
32. New Wave duo, \_\_ For Fears
35. Flora's friend?
36. RSVP-respondent, for example
38. Drive off bugs
43. Mr. Morales
46. Achieve
48. Lake Ontario city
50. Feminine 'this' in French
52. Alone
53. Wife: Latin
55. Sci-Fi beings
56. 'Convicted' rapper
57. Ms. Taylor of modelling
58. 'Smart' suffix
61. Princess Leia portrayal ...her initials-sharers

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
How you choose to react to challenging events will determine just how challenging they are. The most important thing today is that you keep your composure no matter how annoyed you may be. If you lose your temper you lose the battle too.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You may not be the type to watch what you say but the planets warn this is not a good time to upset people for the sake of it. The closer you get to the weekend the more you need to watch your choice of words.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Do you accept a small loss now or do you take a chance and risk a bigger loss later on? That decision must be made now, because if you don't decide then someone else will for you.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
No matter what happens today you must not let anything, or anyone, get to you. Not that anything drastic is likely to occur but if something upsets you then common sense could easily fly out the window.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You seem so easily provoked of late. Why is that? Whatever the reason you must make a conscious effort to control your responses today, because if you go too far you will make enemies of people who should be friends.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You may be tempted to act in ways that run contrary to your beliefs today, but whatever the material rewards they won't make up for the fact that you have strayed from your principles. Always be true to yourself.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Libra is a cardinal sign, which means you like to compete, and with Mars moving through the career area of your chart you are in no mood to take prisoners. But know your limits. Don't start fights you cannot possibly win.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Although you want to be on the move, some type of restrictions are likely to hold you back between now and the weekend. That's okay — if you start your journey too soon you may go in the wrong direction.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You need to get serious about your money situation. You may be tempted to take a risk of some kind and bet against the odds but if you do you could end up even more out of pocket than you are now.

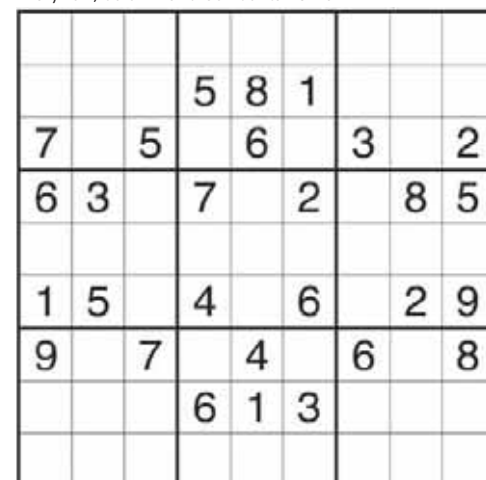
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You will have to get tough with someone who is getting emotional for no good reason. If you let them carry on they will not only make a fool of themselves but could annoy people in positions of power.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Don't let your pride get in the way of asking for advice or assistance today. No one expects you to be good at everything so there is no need to expect it of yourself. A little bit of honesty now could save a lot of embarrassment later on.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You would be wise not to take too much for granted today. If you push your luck you could find you have gone over the edge and there is no way back.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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